



## EDITORIAL

### BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"This country won't be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."*

Theodore Roosevelt

Sometimes we probably overthink events and their cause. Case in point is the July 4th Chicago shooting that took several lives and wounded dozens more. News reports indicate some person shot into a crowd of July 4th parade watchers, firing from the roof of a building. He shot men, women, and children and last night we sat quietly in our living room chair trying to assign some sort of reason for such random violence. This was not our first effort at getting inside the head of another human and understanding such violence, but the results were the same – again . . . the carnage on Monday is not understood. Our results have been the same following every incident of such violence.

There should be a pat on the back of the large number of people who stepped in and helped make the Elba July 4th event a roaring success. All reports are that the event was an ‘exploding’ success. One worker at the events openly pondered, “Where did all these people come from?” Wherever they came from, those we observed enjoyed the gathering and while all didn’t mention it, appreciate the efforts of the organizers and workers.

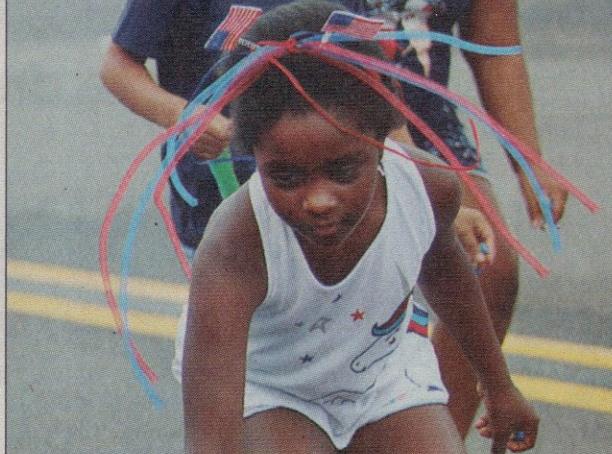
The routine wrecks at the intersection of 4-lane U. S. 84 and Hwy 141 continue to prompt questions like “what is causing these wrecks” or “can’t people read road signs?” We don’t have an answer for any of those asking the questions, even though dozens of people have proposed solutions. Some of the suggested solutions have been discarded by traffic engineers as counterproductive; others are deemed impractical. There are probably a handful of different reasons for these wrecks, but one we have seen ‘more than once’ is drivers on 141 not understanding that 84 is a 4-lane road and those folks have the right-of-way. One driver explained to us, as his wife was leaving in an ambulance, that he stopped at the stop sign and the lane was clear but ‘the guy in the next lane ‘didn’t even slow down.’ Well sir out thoughts were, YOU were the one that was supposed to yield! We didn’t respond to that but ask him if he needed a ride to the hospital. He declined the offer and wanted to stay with his car and secure their possessions before going to hospital.

Last Saturday we attended another Covid-19 funeral. A first cousin was in rehab following a hip replacement and two other falls but caught the bug and couldn’t shake it. That gives us two cousins (one on each side of our family) and a near miss by a sister to lose that battle. The number of people dying from Covid has dropped drastically but those deaths are still happening. Probably part of today’s problem is many of us, - and the word ‘us’ is all inclusive – have become complacent and too lax with following the recommended safety measures. Personally in retrospect, our mask spends most of the day in our back pocket.

If you have successfully beat Covid and no longer worry about catching it, try the monkey pox. We noted several weeks ago that it existed and is slowly spreading but the experts think it is spreading much faster. A ‘spread’ we are talking about is outside of Africa. The virus has normally been an African problem but now it has escaped the bars of the African cage and making threats worldwide. There is a vaccination for this virus, but our understanding is that it is for people who have knowingly been exposed to the bug. We guess that means someone with monkey pox needs to hang a sign around their neck before venturing out into the world.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

### Patriotic golf cart/walking parade opens “Let Freedom Ring” event



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### Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou could not help but to be proud of her little Yonder town earlier this week when an annual 4th of July celebration was held.

Lou Lou has always thought of Thanksgiving as her favorite holiday, and it probably is due to personal

reasons, but Independence Day certainly pulls in a close second! Growing up in a family with a dad who served his country, patriotism has been evident in the Yonder gang's family throughout Lou Lou and Sister's lives. Papa taught them the importance of that at an early age, and it has remained with them.

Lou Lou loves all things patriotic so much so that a recent trip to a local store found her exiting with over \$100-worth of red, white and blue décor for the Yonder gang's house! Sister laughed at Lou Lou because she entered the

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Covenant Community Church, Elba

So, how's it been going for you so far this year?

We're now in the second half of 2022? Can you believe it? Are you happy with how you've lived the first half? Your choices? Your priorities? Or do you wish you could have a "do-over"?

Perhaps something awful came your way and you wish it hadn't because it brought great pain into your life and changed everything. You may be wondering, "Now what? Where do I go from here?" Even your choice in how you deal with this setback is crucial.

Whatever your assessment is of this year's first six months, I know one thing: the next six months will be determined by the choices you're now making.

Socrates is attributed with the saying, "The unexamined life is not worth living." What does that mean?

It means to be willing to take a long, hard look at your life. And if you don't like something you see, then change it. Take responsibility for yourself. Choose something different. Go a different direction.

The halfway mark of this year is a great time to do just that, to do some "looking 'round" your soul. If you're not where you want to be, then what is it going to take to get to your desired destination by the end of this year?

As the old Chinese proverb goes, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." What does your first step need to be? Do you know?

Here are five questions to ask yourself over the next five days:

Day 1 - What is the single greatest roadblock holding me back this year?

Day 2 - What is the single greatest thing that would be most helpful in removing that roadblock?

Day 3 - What single habit would I most like to establish over the next six months?

Day 4 - What single habit would I most like to break over the next six months?

Day 5 - What single thing would I do over the next six months if it were all that I could do?

Blessings your way and happy journey, my friend!

**Share Your Church News with us!**  
Due on Monday each week.

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

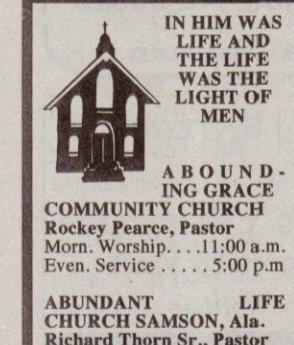
of the things we Think, Say or Do



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- Third - Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Rocky Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
H. L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Deborah Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

BETHHEL AME CHURCH  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
David Noble, Pastor  
Sunday School...10:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train...5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TABERNACLE  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Remi Smith, Pastor  
Church School...9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

ELBA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
Lovel Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Church Directory

EVANGELIST TEMPLE		CHRISTIAN COGIC		HOLY TEMPLE COGIC		NEW PHILADELPHIA		CHURCH OF GOD IN		THE WAY OF HOLINESS	
Paul Jackson, Pastor	Sunday Fellowship...9:30 a.m.	Sunday Prayer...9:30 a.m.	Sunday School...10:00 a.m.	Sunday School...9:30 a.m.	Sunday School...10:00 a.m.	Sunday School...10:00 a.m.	Sunday School...10:00 a.m.	Loreal Flowers, Minister	Sunday School...10:00 a.m.	Max Reed, Minister	Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship...10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Night...Peak of the Week & meal...5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night...Peak of the Week & meal...5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Service...6:15 p.m.	Wednesday Service...6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Service...6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Service...6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Service...6:00 p.m.	Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.	Sunday School...10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
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**Applications are available at:**

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6/23, 6/30, 7/7&7/14

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The sealed proposal as described above shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

then opened and read aloud.

**A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** shall be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 @ 9:00 AM Central Time starting at Zion Chapel.

All General Contractors bidding this project shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance.

The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof.

No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From

### The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our grandson Lawson was a little disappointed** over the weekend when I told him since it was now July the beginning of school was less than a month away. He really hasn't had a summer vacation yet, but rest assured this ole granddaddy is looking for a place to visit that will please him and at the same time give me a chance to rest a little.

#### For what it is worth....

**\*\*\* It is hard to believe that the opening kickoff** of the high school football season is only seven Friday nights away. The days of starting the football season the week after Labor Day has long since vanished, but the thought of playing in mid-August with the temperature still in the high 90's seems a little early for players, coaches and all of us fans. Oh well, mark your calendars for Friday, August 19, when the Elba Tigers will travel across the county to battle the New Brockton Gamecocks for the first time since 2017, the Kinston Bulldogs will host the Samson Tigers as the two neighbors meet for the 41<sup>st</sup> time, and the Brantley Bulldogs will hit the road for their season opener against the Luverne Tigers, in the 87<sup>th</sup> renewal of the cross-county rivalry. The season is starting off with a bang!

**\*\*\* The coaching carousel has been spinning** fast all summer long and there will be a lot of new faces on the sidelines when the football season kicks off in just seven weeks. Two county teams will have new leaders on the field with Ben Blackmon now in charge in Enterprise and Cody Keene, Jr., taking over at Zion Chapel, while four of the eight region opponents on Elba's schedule will have new head coaches with Jordan Cantrell taking over at Florala, Jake Allen moving up at Houston County, Ezell Powell returning to the area as the head man at McKenzie, and Cody Sellers taking the head job at Pleasant Home. Former Elba head coach Ed Rigby will be the new head coach at defending state champ Pike Road and will be joined by former Tiger player Bobby Hudson as defensive coordinator, and longtime Rigby assistant and former Elba assistant Rodney Jordan will take over the reins at Satsuma. Other new head coaches include Daniel Powell at Barbour County, Jed Kennedy at Dothan, Jerrell Jernigan at Eufaula, Josh Thompson at Geneva County, Patrick Browning at Greenville, Reginald Melton at Headland, Mark Hurt at Pike County, and, Bryant Garrison at Slocumb.

**\*\*\* The big news in college sports last week** was the announcement that UCLA and USC will both join the Big Ten Conference for the 2024 season. The two Los Angeles schools will leave the PAC 12 and sunny west coast for some early kickoff times, long plane rides and of course a massive amount of money. The Big Ten had over \$250 million more in revenue than the Pac 12 in recent audits, which could mean both schools will receive a raise of over \$20 million a year in revenue. A PAC 12 team has advanced to the college football playoffs only once since 2016, when Washington was clobbered by Alabama, while the Big Ten has put teams in the playoffs six of the eight years the playoffs have been in existence and last season had four teams ranked in the Top 25. With the addition of the Los Angeles television market it is estimated the Big Ten will seek a media deal in excess of \$1 billion a year the next time a deal is brokered. Many in the sports world believe the Big Ten isn't finished adding to its roster, and insist that if Notre Dame doesn't join the conference Washington and Oregon will be the next west coast schools to head across the country. With the addition of Oklahoma and Texas to the SEC in 2026, what once was

called the 'Power Five' conferences may soon become the 'Power Two.'

**\*\*\* July 1 is known as 'Bobby Bonilla Day'** by those familiar with Major League baseball since on that date every year from 2011 until 2035 the former all-star third baseman receives a check in the amount of \$1.2 million. Now 58, Bonilla signed a \$5.9 million contract extension in 2000 as a member of the New York Mets, but agreed to defer the payments over the next 24 years, which when completed, would total over \$30 million. Bonilla last played with the Mets back in 1999, but is still paid more than 11 of the 34 players on this year's Mets roster! While the big annual payday for a retired player seems strange, it is really not that uncommon in pro sports. Manny Ramirez signed a 16-year, \$32 million contract back in 2008 and will get a check until 2025, while Ken Griffey still gets a check for \$3.59 million a year from the Cincinnati Reds and will continue to cash the check through the 2025 season even though he hasn't put on a uniform since 2008. Todd Helton hasn't played since 2013 but will get a check for \$1.3 million a year for the next two years from the

Colorado Rockies, and Max Scherzer, in the midst of a multi-million contract with the New York Mets, signed a \$105 million contract a few years ago with the Washington Nationals and will receive deferred payments of \$15 million a year from the team through 2028. I know many times teams will defer payments in a player's contract to open up money to spend on draft picks or sign free agents that will provide immediate help. However, it appears to me that many players have quite a retirement plan.

**\*\*\* In closing....** Former Elba Tiger multi-sport athlete Alex Wright will host a youth football camp in a couple of days and over 100 area youngsters have already registered to attend the one-day get together. Wright proved a lot of folks wrong by becoming a stellar college player at UAB and by being drafted in the third round of the NFL draft, and it is good to see him use his success to give back to the community. I just hope this is the first of many camps Wright will be a part of in his hometown and that one day soon we will be able to watch him on TV playing for the Browns. No doubt he has the 'Wright' stuff.

### Super 12 banquet honors area athletes

The Dothan Eagle held a banquet on Sunday, June 26, to honor all Wiregrass student-athletes named to the newspaper's 'Super 12' teams during the 2021-2022 academic year and included among the honorees were a pair of Elba High athletes that excelled in their respective sports.

The banquet, held at the Dothan Civic Center, was the first that honored 'Super 12' selections in all sports.

Elba High student-athletes honored at the banquet included football standout Chrystyle Caldwell and basketball standout A'lyric Whitfield.

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The 'Super 12' teams are selected in football, volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, boys soccer, girls soccer, baseball and softball, while 'athletes of the year' are named in boys cross country, girls cross country, boys tennis, girls tennis, boys golf, girls golf, boys

track and field, and girls track and field.

Overall winners this year were 'Player of the Year' Alexis Milanowski, a softball standout at Houston Academy, and 'Coach of the Year' Rhett Harrelson, boys basketball coach at Enterprise.

Local players and coaches honored at the banquet included: Football – Rudy Free, Kinston, Coach of the Year; Mykel Johnson, Enterprise, Chrystyle Caldwell, Elba; Volleyball – Jennifer Graham, Enterprise, Coach of the Year; Lily Rhoades, Enterprise; Boys Basketball – Rhett Harrelson, Enterprise, Coach of the Year; Elijah Terry, Enterprise; Girls Basketball – Jaida Goshia, Enterprise; A'lyric Whitfield, Elba; Kelsi Cardwell, Kinston, Softball – Georgia Lessman, Enterprise; Girls Soccer – Kaylee Richardson, Enterprise; Boys Soccer – Robert Suter, Enterprise.

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**ELBA ATHLETES HONORED....** Two Elba High student-athletes were honored at last week's Super 12 banquet, in Dothan. Pictured above are (l-r) A'lyric Whitfield, a basketball honoree, and Coach Shaun Hammonds, who accepted a plaque for football honoree Chrystyle Caldwell.



**READY FOR STATE....** The Kinston Boys 12U baseball team begins its quest for a state title Thursday, July 7, at the Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone State Tournament, for Division II, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Kinston, the District 9 champions, will open play Thursday afternoon against the Decatur Americans, the District 1 champions. Kinston team members include: (front, l to r) Easton Parker, JD Weeks, Parker Weeks, Rylen Hawthorne, and Jackson Cowen; (middle, l to r) Jon Simmons, Maverick Owen, Zavory Stanley, Evan Hilburn, Jhett Creech, and Ryan Worsham; (back, l to r) coaches Tyler Simmons, Clint Cowen, and Justin Creech.

#### Lakepoint resort adds motorized vehicle course and trails

Alabama State Parks offi-

cials, local government leaders and members of the business community gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony recently to officially open Lakepoint State Park's new off-road vehicle course in Eufaula, Alabama. The new course is on land once occupied by the park's former golf course.

"Lakepoint State Park has a great reputation as being a family-friendly fishing destination and we want to provide new amenities to the park that will enhance the overall guest experience," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"Providing this new ORV course here at Lakepoint is another example of expanding our offerings to a growing outdoor recreation segment, and if you enjoy a more relaxing golf cart cruise, you can also take a ride down our new motorized natural trail."

Lake Eufaula – known as "The Bass Capital of the World" – attracts thousands of visitors to Lakepoint State Park every year. Park officials are working to improve Alabama's state parks system by renovating existing facilities and providing new amenities.

"Recently, the park has been able to renovate 10 cabins and we are currently working on renovating an additional 10 cabins," said Greg Lein, Alabama State Parks Director. "Our cabins and lodges are a great way to enjoy our parks, if you do not

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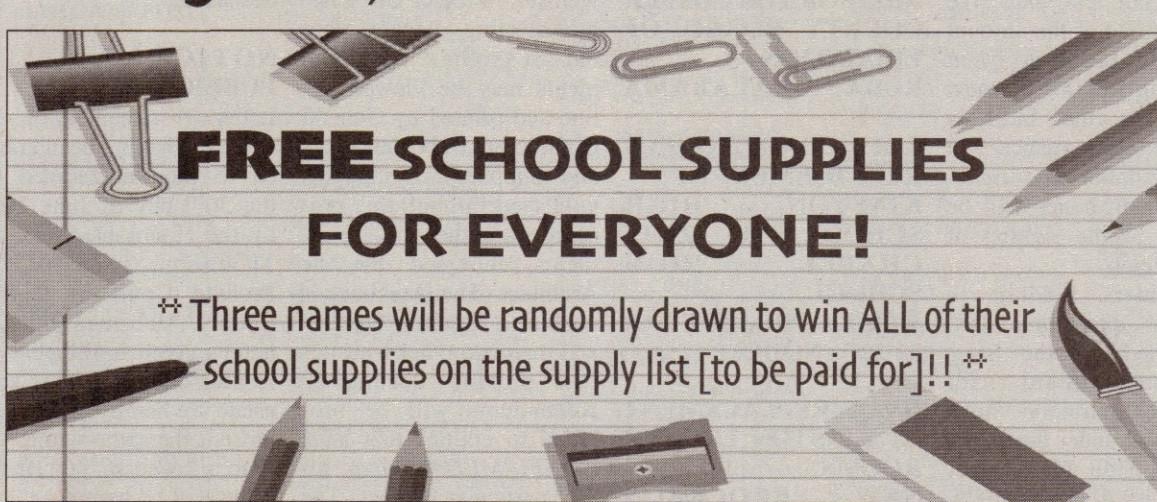
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## LIFESTYLES



The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held a special called meeting Thursday June 30, to raise Brother Macon Matthew Hodge to a Master Mason. Food and fellowship were enjoyed by all the Brethren. Those pictured above include: (front, l to r) Larry Shaw, Jim Hill, Jason Whitehurst, Rich Brandon, Ashley Whitehurst, Daniel Stephens, Shane Goude, Macon Hodge, Eddie Kelley, Earl Smith, Chris Sanders, Ronnie Rawls, Jack Caradine, and Mark Johnson; (middle, l to r) Chris Sellers, Dale Stewart, Howard Oliver, Joe Thomas, Mike Amison, Brian Smith, Michael Phelps, Harry Young, Steve Rodgers, Drexell Richards, James Bunce, Joel Moore, Steve Dewberry, and Thomas Danner; and (back, l to r) Tommy Morrow and Wendell Black.

### Elba High School represented by Aimee Senn at Girls State

Alabama Girls State returned to Troy University in 2022 for the first time since 2012. It was held June 5-10.

A mission of the American Legion Auxiliary, the program provides the opportunity for students to participate in a hands-on citizenship training program that spans nearly 80 years in Alabama.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program, open to high school junior girls, seeks to develop leadership and pride in American citizens, educate citizens about the system of government and instill an understanding of American traditions.

At Girls State, delegates organized cities, voted on officials, developed and passed legislation and heard from the state's real-life elected officials, including Governor Kay Ivey.

### Seniors encouraged to join the fun at the Elba Senior Citizens Center

Donna Falls, director of the Elba Senior Citizens Center, encourages all seniors age 60 and older to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, Falls works with seniors to help them apply for several programs that they may qualify, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC-Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. However, the senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior Center for the director to sign them up for these type programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is a social place for any senior citizen to come have fun and



Aimee Senn, pictured above and to the right, represented Elba High School for the 80th Session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Alabama Girls State, June 5-10, held on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Ala. Senn will be a senior this upcoming school year.

Governor Ivey addressed the 80th session of the American Legion Auxiliary's Alabama Girls State, where she offered encouragement, words of wisdom and a flag lesson as participants reached the middle of the program. She

was greeted with a standing ovation by more than 320 delegates, each chosen by their high schools as the best and the brightest to represent their school, community and the state of Alabama during the week-long program.

"Leave Girls State this week with an understanding that the beauty of our democracy is that all people – even a girl from Wilcox County, Alabama – can make a difference if we simply try," the governor said as she closed her speech to the delegates.

Elba High School was RWCC meeting

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, July 20, at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon will start at 10:45. Those planning to



represented this year at Alabama Girls State by Aimee Senn, daughter of Johnny and Melanie Senn of Elba.

attend should RSVP by contacting Shannon Smith @ 334-494-2753 or <rwc\_reservations@gmail.com> no later than July 17.

President of the Enterprise City Council, Turner Townsend, will be speaking.

#### Military Support Group Meetings:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.



**GRADUATING WITH HONORS...**Susan Marie Clark (Mia Clark) graduated May 6, 2022 from the University of South Alabama (USA) in Mobile, Ala. Clark earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and graduate with Magna Cum Laude honors. She was recognized on the President's List her first two years at USA and on the Dean's List her final two years. A 2018 graduate of Elba High School, Clark was valedictorian of her class. Family members said they are very proud of Mia's accomplishments.

### Local DAV Chapter to meet July 28th

The July meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, will be held. All members located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center,

Elections for chapter offi-

cers for the upcoming year will be held. All members are asked to attend.

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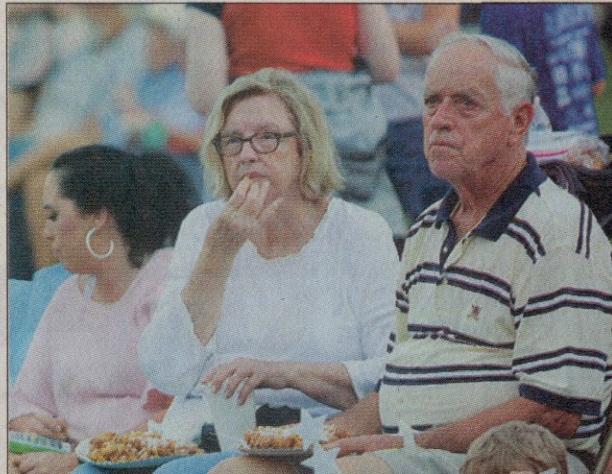
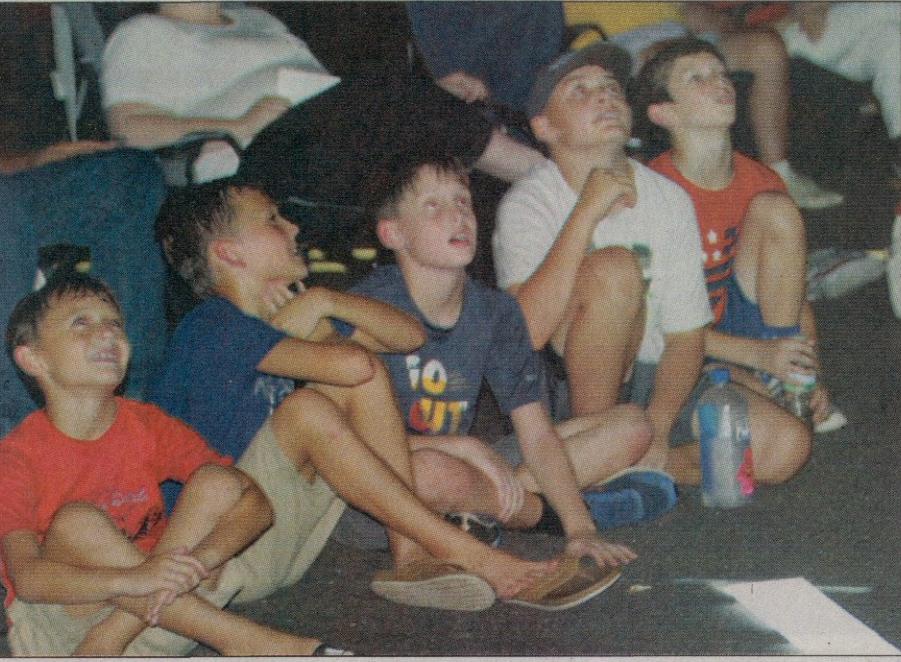
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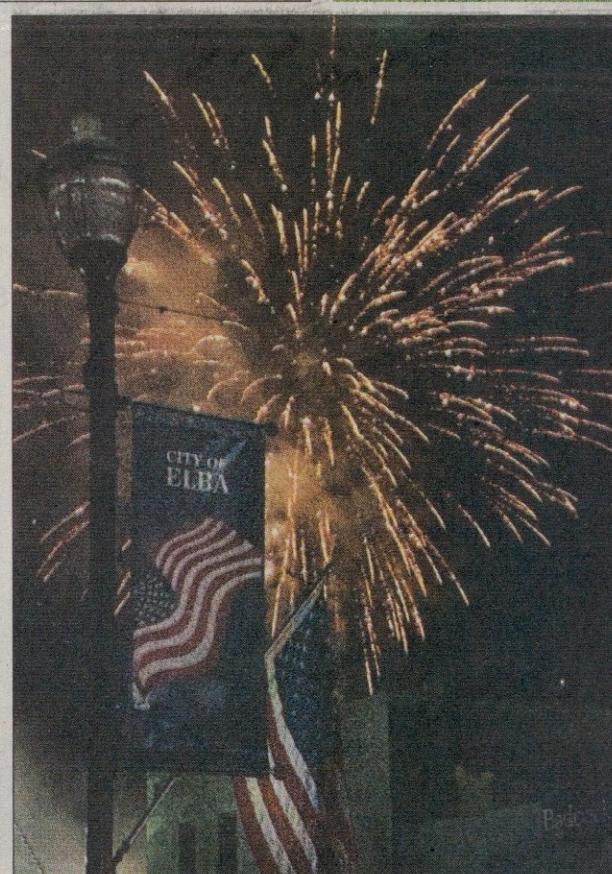


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